

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970

MAY 15, 2012

Council President Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Jan Kendall was absent

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Councilman McAuliffe requested to add Macy Sewer district and MCEDA to the list of entities to speak at meeting. Approved.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the April 17th minutes.
Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Jury Fee Fund – an appropriation of \$34,000 is needed to offset bailiff salaries. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve this appropriation. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

Plat Book Fund – an appropriation of \$21,000 is needed to offset salaries. Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve this appropriation. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

Councilwoman Mull asked if we had total figures sent back from the state. Council President Duckwall explained that \$1.5 million was divided among taxing units, cities and schools. Approximately \$170,000 went to county general.

Elected Officials Training Fund – County Recorder Brenda Weaver reported that the amount available for training registration fees for the Recorder, Surveyor and Clerk is \$175 from now until 07/01/12. On 07/01/12, the Auditor and Treasurer will also be included in those departments using these funds. There is \$1,100 in this fund right now. Council President Duckwall asked how this fund is split up. Recorder Weaver explained that next year the money will be split between 5 departments. Councilman McAuliffe asked if the council has the power to move the money. County Recorder Weaver said this fund is to be used for training only and that the money could not be moved. Council President Duckwall asked how much money is put in the fund per year. County Recorder Weaver said \$2,000 at the most. Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve this

appropriation. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion. Councilman Donaldson asked if the meetings these funds paid for were mandatory. Recorder Weaver stated yes. Councilman Wiles asked if we could add a fee to pay for this. Recorder Weaver stated no. Councilwoman Mull asked why Recorder Weaver hasn't asked for more money. She replied that they are keeping it equal. The motion passed 6-0.

CUM. Courthouse

An additional appropriation of \$300,000 is needed. Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve this appropriation. Councilwoman Mull seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

FORGIVE LOAN TO COUNTY GENERAL FROM RIVERBOAT GAMBLING FUND

Council President Duckwall reported that we would deal with the Rainy Day fund next month. \$600,000 was taken out of the Riverboat Gambling fund. Also, \$600,000 was taken out of the Rainy Day fund. Council President Duckwall says we need to do this before the middle of the year. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to forgive this loan. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion. A taxpayer asked about the Riverboat gambling fund and how the county gets the money. Council President Duckwall briefly explained this process. The motion to forgive the loan passed 6-0.

COUNTY SHERIFF – ROAD DEPUTY REPLACEMENT

Sheriff Miller addressed the council regarding reclassifying the Jail Deputy position – which has a salary of \$30,874. The Merit Deputy position has a salary of \$33,699. Back in February, the Commissioners established a fee. This fee will generate \$3000-\$4,000 in income this year. Sheriff Miller requested this position to be reclassified from Jail Deputy to Merit Deputy. He also stated we are limited on how this money can be used, but this re-classification fits. Sheriff Miller explained that this would allow us to get more mileage out of our money. Sheriff Miller also stated that the Jail Deputy position will not be replaced. Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve this reclassification. Councilman Donaldson 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

ORDINANCES

County Recorder Brenda Weaver explained that this is a cleanup of the enhanced access fund. There is currently no ordinance for this. Recorder Weaver wants permission to advertise, since the fund has to be appropriated. Council President Duckwall explained that this has to be established by the Council. Council Attorney Jeff Price will draft the ordinance and send it to the council for review. It will be ready for next month's meeting.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd addressed the council. The groundbreaking of the Hanger 200 project is set for Wednesday, May 16th at 2:00 p.m.

MCEDA has obtained 1 bid for each contract within the budget. EDA didn't approve additional funding. MCEDA has to borrow additional money - \$7.4 million. The interest rate has dropped as long as they close by June 1st. Mr. Tidd said it is okay to issue notice of award to the following:

Main Construction Site – RL Turner
Fire Protection – FE Moran
Waste Water – VM Tech
Commercial Air – Commercial Air
Electrical – Huston Electric

Mr. Tidd explained that they had to accept the lowest bid that they received. The closing will take place on 05/22/12 with USDA. There will be a pre-construction meeting on the same day. Contractors should be on site after Memorial Day. Mr. Tidd stated that all contractors are from Indiana, except the waste water contractor. There will be a construction manager on-site.

MIAMI SEWER DISTRICT

Vicki Perry – a representative from Rural Community Assistance, addressed the council. She thanked the council for their support. She reported that they are finished with planning and are requesting assistance with small upfront fees; such as to establish a bank account. Ms. Perry stated that if any money is awarded, this will be paid back once funding is approved with USDA. Council President Duckwall explained that the council would have to advertise this before we can give any money. It would be the next meeting before we could give any money. Council President Duckwall requested that this request be put in writing. Councilman McAuliffe noted that no one ever pays any money back and stated that the request will be given to the Auditor to take to the council.

TOWN OF MACY

Marilyn Jackson spoke on behalf of the Town of Macy, in regard to getting a new community building constructed. In the fall of 2010, OCRA met with the town of Macy to begin planning for the summer of 2011. The amount applied to Rural Development is \$25,780. On May 1st, the entire grant amount, except \$14,000 was disallowed. The \$32,291 is the amount that is needed for the local match. If the Town of Macy gets the grant, it won't be until 08/31/12. It won't be needed until 2013/2014. The total amount needed is \$46,873. Councilman Wiles asked where else the town has asked for assistance. Ms. Perry, from Rural Community Assistance, mentioned that this could be an opportunity to be used for training, etc. Councilman Donaldson asked what the Commissioners stance is. Commissioner Faust said that they think this is opening a can of worms and they are not supporting this endeavor.

Council President Duckwall stated that despite good news from the State, the CEDIT account still shows a negative balance. Councilman Wiles stated that he

doesn't see how we can do it and asked if the town of Macy has thought about fundraisers. Ms. Jackson stated that there is no time. Councilwoman Mull asked if this would qualify for a Lily grant. Ms. Jackson was informed that the Lily foundation doesn't fund these projects directly. They must go through the Miami County Community Foundation. Council President Duckwall stated that at this point the council cannot help out financially. He asked if there is anything the Dukes Health Grant could do to help. Councilman McAuliffe stated that this community building could be a voting center in the future. Councilwoman Mull stated she would be willing to take a chance on this and made a resolution that we support the local match toward the Macy Community Building. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion. Commissioner Francis stated that, per O.C.R.A. if the county says they'll back the funding for this, they are obligated to pay for it; and you can't change it. Ms. Perry, from Rural Community Assistance, stated that her understanding was that "the county has passed a resolution and funds are available." The council voted 2-4; with Councilman Donaldson, Councilman Hunt, Councilman Duckwall and Councilman Wiles cast the dissenting votes and the motion to help the town of Macy financially was declined.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to adjourn. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Inglehearn, Deputy Auditor